

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-11 are pending herein. Claims 2-5 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Examiners Song and Norton are thanked for courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative (Steven Caldwell) during a telephonic interview on March 31, 2004. During the interview, Examiners Song and Norton tentatively agreed that amending claim 8 to clarify that the inner and outer reactors are spaced from one another overcomes the rejection of record with respect to pending claim 8.

1. Claims 2-5 and 19 were rejected under §103(a) over Vaudo et al. in view of Razeghi. This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 2-5 and 19.

2. Claims 8-11 were rejected under §103(a) over Vaudo et al. in view of Razeghi and further in view of Mayeda or Kim. As discussed above, Examiners Song and Norton agreed that pending claim 8, amended as discussed above, defines patentable subject matter over the above-discussed applied prior art references. It was specifically agreed that there is no disclosure in Vaudo showing the structure of a reactor liner or the placement of the reactor liner with respect to Vaudo's growth reactor, let alone that the reactor liner should be spaced from the growth reactor, as now claimed.

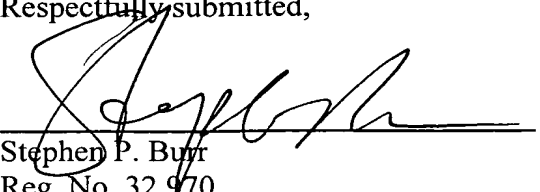
If Examiner Song believes that further contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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